(b) the details of various amenities provided to the passengers during the last thiae years; and

(c) what are the plans for the future in this n-gard?

THE MINIS'i-EB OF STATE IN THE MINISTEY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LINKA); (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Derailments of Trains

1844. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: SHRI SURESH PACHOURI;

WffiU the Minister! *61* RAILWAYS be pleased to st; te;

(a) what is the percentage of derailments out of th$_e$ total train accidents during lasi three years;

(b) what is tbj average number of derailments per month during 1992-93;

(c) what are 'he reasons for derailments; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to reduce derailments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE EST THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS); (SHRI K. C. LENKA). (a) The percentage of derail) nents to the total train accidents diring the last three years is as und< r;

Year	%age
1990-91	83.8
1991-92	83.7
1992-93	78.4

(b) 34.

(c) The main reasons for such de-railmens have been identified as follows:

(i) Failure of track, sudden rail fracture and sinkage of track due to heavy rains etc.

(ii) Defect in the mechanical equipment of the coach, wagon or locomotive like wheel, undergear or springs, etc.

(iii) Staff failure.

(iv) Sabotage.

(v) Naural calamities and incidental causes.

(d) The steps being taken to eliminate such accidents include renewal and rehabilitation of overagei assets liKe track bridges, rolling stock, etc. In addition, inspection of track and examination of coaches, wagons and locomotives have been intensified, Ultrasonic testing of rails and axles is being done to identify features. Special emphasis is being laid on adherence to laid down procedures for reception and despat-tch of trains at stations. Besides, maintenance and upkeep of signall-ing equipment is also being given utmost attention Drivers are being monitored and counselled about their driving techniques. Intensive training of running, maintenance and operating satff is conduced.

Konkal Railway Project

1845. SHRI IQBAL SINGH;
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Miniter of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what are he targets set for completion of Konkan Railway Pro ject;

(b) the achievements made so far;

(c) whether Government are fa cing difficulties in regard to track construction in Goa;